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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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PACIFIC LINER SERVICES.

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ROUTED HOME ORDERS.

LONDON, March 20.

The Liverpool Journal of Commerce states that Clyde shipbuilders have been sounded with regard to a prospective big order for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, which if it succeeds in securing the substantial subsidy for which it is negotiating with the Japanese Government, will be prepared to order from the Clyde a fleet of liners of 23,000 tons and 18 knots to compete with the fleet of the Canadian Pacific Company in the Pacific.

It is assumed that if the Nippon Yusen Kaisha carries out this scheme the Canadian Pacific will also enter the market for new boats with a view to retaining its pre-eminence in the Pacific.

Clyde firms will be prepared to build at a minimum profit, but the big rise in the price of ship plates, sections, etc., will swell the contract prices.

It is reliably learned that two motor boats have been ordered by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha from the Clyde. They will be 10,000 tons deadweight each and the engines will be fitted locally.

FOREIGN COMPANIES IN TURKEY.

NEW TAXATION SCHEMES.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 20.

Replying to the High Commissioner's protest the Angora Government insisted that foreign companies, in compliance with the new registration law, supply the Government with a copy of their articles of association and balance sheets and in some cases deposit guarantee funds. A number of companies have been ordered to present balance sheets since 1916 for the fixation of war profits. At least twenty per cent income tax will be retrospective to the armistice. Failing compliance before March 18 the companies are threatened with severe penalties, even suppression.

IMPERIAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

ARRANGING THE AGENDA.

LONDON, March 20.

In the House of Commons in reply to questions, Mr. Bonar Law said he hoped the list of subjects to be included in the agenda of the Imperial economic conference would be settled in consultation with the Governments of the Dominions and India in time to allow the interests concerned in the various parts of the Empire to consider them before the conference met. It is contemplated that the conference will include representatives of the Colonies and protectorates but the form of representation has not yet been settled.

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCE.

FLAG DISCRIMINATION CONDEMNED.

ROME, March 20.

The congress of the International Chamber of Commerce unanimously carried resolutions condemning flag discrimination also, declaring that no unnecessary restrictions should be placed on the transport of immigrants from Europe, particularly that no discrimination in that regard should be made between vessels sailing under the flag of any nation.

BRITAIN'S DEBT TO AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, March 20.

The Treasury has been informed that Britain will not exercise her five years' option, provided under the debt funding settlement but will pay the first half-yearly interest of \$9,000,000 on June 15 and the remaining \$23,000,000 of principal when due on December 15.

BURMAH OILFIELD STRIKE.

RANGOON, March 20.

Four thousand workers on the Yenang Uyang oilfield struck without warning.

PICKING THE PICTURES.

CORONET COMPETITION RESULT.

The result of the competition which the management of the Coronet Theatre conducted recently in an effort to discover what sort of film Hongkong Kinetograph like best was announced this morning. Many hundreds of entries were sent in and the task of deciding which most nearly approached the

consensus of opinion was one to the surprise of the shareholders. The competitors were given a list of 24 pictures screened recently at the Coronet and from this they had to select what they conceived to be the 20 best films in order of merit. The result disclosed that "Way Down East," "The Three Musketeers" and "The Kid" were the "placed" pictures and the prizewinners are: Fred Lee, 20 Robinson Rd., 1 (\$100).

FRANCO-GERMAN PEACE FEELER.

NOTE TO AMERICA.

LONDON, March 20.

Speculation is busy regarding the chances of the latest peace feeler. The American Government declines to disclose the contents of the recent German note, notwithstanding Germany's hint that she does not object to publication or communication to M. Poincare.

Official American circles point out that the German Charge d'Affaires in Paris can furnish M. Poincare with the information if he desires. The movements of Lord D'Abernon and Mr. Montagu Norman are also being closely watched. According to French newspapers Lord D'Abernon, who arrived in London to-day, bears an official message from Chancellor Cuno although official circles in London deny that political significance attaches to the visit.

As regards Mr. Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England, who is at present somewhere on the continent, the authorities are unusually reticent. Reuter's Paris correspondent announces that he arrived yesterday and discussed the terms of the repayment of certain British credits. Thereafter his movements are uncertain but he is reported to have left for Berlin.

DAMAGED STEAMER.

CEYLON GOVERNMENT SUE.

COLOMBO, March 20.

The District Judge has delivered judgment in a case in which the British Petroleum Company of London sued the Crown for £60,000 damages in respect of the steamer "British Ensign," owing to alleged neglect and carelessness by the Crown.

The judge held that the steamer berthed in a dangerous place owing to insufficiency of water and the nature of the harbour bottom. He overruled the argument that the Ceylon Government could not be sued as representing the Crown, also the argument that Colombo harbour was open water wherein ships might enter at their own risk.

CRIME IN LONDONDERRY.

A MARKED DIMINUTION.

LONDON, March 20.

Opening the Londonderry assizes Mr. Justice Wilson announced a marked diminution in crime. The county was now practically normal and there was a very great improvement in the relations between six counties adjoining the counties along the border, especially Donegal where the Free State had established its authority. People were now able to cross and recross without the former fear and trepidation.

RUHR ARREST.

REICHSTAG DEPUTY RELEASED.

BERLIN, March 20.

At the opening of the Reichstag President Loebner condemned the arrest of the deputy Quatz, mentioned yesterday and said that following a vigorous protest Quatz was set at liberty last night.

LATEST LENIN BULLETIN.

RIGA, March 20.

A bulletin announces the continuance of the improvement in Lenin's health. There is movement of the arm and leg but derangement of speech remains.

INDIA'S SALT-TAX.

NOT TO BE INCREASED.

DELHI, March 20.

The Assembly by 59 votes to 44 rejected the Government's proposals to increase the salt tax in order to meet the deficit in the budget.

LONDON EXCHANGE MARKET.

LONDON, March 20.

French francs appreciated to 71/90 and Belgian to 83/15. Sterling was weaker at 4/6 3/4.

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SANDES.—On March 14, 1923, at C. S. Stiles, The Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., a son.

FERGUSON.—On March 16, 1923, at Shanghai, the wife of the late A. Fergusson, of a daughter.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1923.

PACIFIC SHIPPING RIVALRY.

Terminal port for both services, Hongkong will learn with interest from to-day's later cables that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company may shortly augment their respective Pacific fleets considerably. The *Liverpool Journal of Commerce* understands that Clyde shipbuilders have been sounded regarding prospective big orders for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. Should this company secure the substantial subsidy it is now seeking from the Japanese Government, it will be prepared to order a fleet of 25,000-ton liners. Threatening the Canadian Pacific Company's lead in the Pacific, this move, it is assumed, will bring that company into the market for new boats also. Since both lines will lay their orders with the Clyde, the Home shipbuilding industry will secure welcome support just when confidence is returning after last year's serious depression. Lloyd's Register returns for the quarter ending December 31 showed that work in hand in Britain's shipyards at the close of last year was not only less than at the end of the September quarter of 1922, but fell short by considerably over a million gross tons of that under construction at the end of the year 1921. Moreover, operations had been suspended on nearly one-fourth of the tonnage nominally under construction. Analysis of the figures, however, gave every

ground for optimism. Although the tonnage launched was less than that launched during the previous quarter, there was an increase of nearly 150,000 tons in the new work begun. This meant that the tonnage laid down was brought within measurable distance of that launched. Since then the gap has been still further reduced with the result that the point of balance has now almost been reached and the volume of work in hand has ceased to shrink. Consequently the depression may be considered over, especially now that building costs have also declined considerably. Even though this afternoon's cable expects the big rise in the price of ship plates, sections, etc., to swell the contract charges, the extraordinarily high prices ruling during and immediately after the war period are now a thing of the past. In 1898 the price of a new, ready-for-sea cargo steamer of 7,500 tons capacity was £48,000; in 1914 the price of a similar vessel was £43,000. After the outbreak of war the price of such a vessel had risen to £187,000, in 1920 it stood at £259,000, and in 1921 the price dropped to £63,000. High prices, of course, seriously hampered the Home shipbuilding industry, but they proved equally awkward for foreign yards. Consequently the slump, although it reduced Britain's output, still left her far and away the world's greatest builder. Having emerged from the depression with competition little increased, Britain can face the future with every confidence. Should the rival Pacific lines place orders with the Clyde, this confidence will be greatly strengthened. And Hongkong's shipping trade, incidentally, will receive yet further impetus.

Shanghai's Russian problem has assumed larger dimensions since the arrival of 150 more refugees on the N.Y.K.S. "Kumano Maru" from Gensan. The group included some 30 cripples. It is reported that about 1,000 crippled and invalid Russians are to leave Gensan after April, while about 4,500 are being employed on the Japanese railroads in Korea.

TOWN PLANNING. WORK GOING AHEAD.

The mapping out of Kowloon in conformity with the Government's town planning policy has been completed, a *China Mail* reporter was informed by the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher C.M.G., C.B.E.) to-day and attention is now being focussed upon Hongkong.

Government work on the scheme, Mr. Fletcher said, is being pushed ahead as much as possible but in some cases it had to await private development.

LAND SALES.

In the advertisement columns will be found details of a forthcoming land sale on March 26, when 6,825 sq. feet at the junction of Canton Road and Pak Hoi Street, Yaumatei and 7,490 sq. feet at Shauiwan, will be put up for sale.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day is *ch'un fen*, the Vernal Equinox, according to the Chinese calendar.

Sir Paul and Lady Chater are leaving by the "Empress of Australia" for England on holiday.

Lt. Col. M. Greer is going on two months' leave, Lt. Col. B. H. Finnis three months and Lt. J. A. Parkes one month, according to Command Orders.

Mr. A. H. George of H. M. Consular Service, recently acting Consul-General at Tsingtau, is in Shanghai and will shortly proceed home on leave.

The second annual general meeting of the British Legion (Hongkong and China Branch) will be held at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, at the City Hall.

Suffering from the effects of opium, believed to have been self-administered, a Chinese married woman, 24 years of age, was admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital, Yaumatei, yesterday.

Twelve months' hard labour was the sentence passed on a Chinese named Li Chuen, who was found guilty of participating in the robbery of two Chinese cyclists on February 7.

The two Chinese who were tried yesterday at the Criminal Sessions on a charge of unlawful possession of daggers were found guilty. A sentence of two years' hard labour was passed on one and the other prisoner was sentenced to a term of three years.

Mr. J. K. Moir, who was formerly in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank service, has decided to retire from the management of the London branch of the National City Bank of New York, and the International Banking Corporation, with whom he has been since 1907.

Geoffrey Lammert, youngest son of Mr. G. P. Lammert, of Hongkong, playing for his school (All Saints' Hosiery) in a cricket match against Old Hongkongians, carried his bat for 166. He was in great form, says the school magazine, and his success was particularly gratifying as it was his last school game.

Mrs. S. B. B. McElderry will read a paper on "The International Red Cross" at the meeting of the Reading Circle to be held at 10.30 to-morrow morning, Thursday, March 22, at the Helena May Institute. All members of the Institute and their friends are invited.

The death has occurred in Ceylon of Dr. Charles Francis, late Registrar of Deaths, Penang. He was one of the early Ceylonese settlers in the Straits having gone there about 25 years ago, during the whole of which period he was in Government Service, in Singapore and in Penang. Dr. Francis belonged to a well-known Ceylon Tamil family, and was an L.R.C.P. and S. of Edinburgh. He retired on pension about a year ago. He leaves behind a mother and sister, and a large number of friends in Ceylon and Penang.

Information received in Shanghai is to the effect that Sir Keith Smith, who was here a few months ago making plans for a world flight, is not going to attempt it this year. In a letter received by a friend locally Sir Keith mentions that the Vickers are improving the Viking considerably, and the new model when finished will be much better than the present type. Unfortunately it is not possible to have the new "bus" built in time to start a world flight this year. In his letter Sir Keith mentions the reports that various other flights round the world are talked of, but he has no definite news of their prospects of starting.

THE IDOL IN THE GROVE.

(TOM WRIGHT STUFF).

SANDWICH ISLANDS.

In this place in which I now was, men worshipped an idol that was hid in a grove. It seemed that no man had seen it, because the grove had the tabu sticks set round about it; but all were agreed that the god was most worthy. Never met I one that doubted this, and that is a rare thing to say of the various faiths of men. All history is punctuated with the records of heretics and sceptics and martyrs. The Name of this god in the grove was not tabu, as some have been. It was pronounceable. Indeed, it was for ever on the tongue of these people. Daily, hourly, in all their speech and thoughts, they would name the name. It was H'urteit. Curious to see for myself what likeness H'urteit had, I lingered much about the grove, but was always frowned upon by any that saw my purpose, and sometimes I was threatened. The priests themselves, so far as could discover, never went nearer than the outskirts; and they were the most bitter against me, resenting my curiosity with scowls, with reproaches, and with lies and calumnies. They put it forth that I desired to destroy the god, and many of the people murmured against me, so that I feared for my life, or at least my liberty.

I harangued them frequently, appealing to their common sense. Is it reasonable, I demanded, that I should wish to destroy a thing I have not seen? If I saw it I might love it. That is why I want to find out what it is.

One told me that it was too radiantly beautiful for me to look upon; that it would blind me. Ah! You have looked upon it? I asked eagerly. That was not necessary, said he, sourly. I am telling you that it is so, nevertheless.

An old, old man called Shopen Ha War told me that he had seen it, that it was hideous, more terrible than an army with banners, and better avoided. The others all jeered and intimated that he was mad. As if he could have seen it, they pointed. Why! It is tabu, and not to be viewed by finite men.

"It is," said others, "to H'urteit that we owe our freedom." When I suggested that a big tabu was inconsistent with freedom, I became again highly unpopular. It was a ticklish job living with this tribe. I began to think the best way to a quiet place and live by myself; but somehow the secret of the grove drew me continually. My desire to know was stronger than my prudence.

Since I could not see for myself I began diligently collecting, and writing down, and classifying, all the evidence (if it be permissible to call such hearsay evidence) that these people had to offer, and I must say, very willingly did offer at all times. Thus I learned that H'urteit was kind, cruel, wise, capricious, comely, hideous, amorphous, "very like a man," sharp-eyed, blind, busy, indifferent, anxious, enormous, so tiny that he could hide in the skin of a spider-sucked fly, and many other things. I began to suspect that some of these estimates must be to some extent in error; and grew more than ever anxious to see for myself. But the watch kept upon me was closer than ever, especially after they learned of my suspicion. Some of them were very angry when I failed to accept, endorse, and reaffirm the particulars they had given me.

Even the kindly ones, the tolerant ones, to whom I owed my safety, did not get my point of view. The chief Mui Ton, speaking in the Areopagitica, or council hall of the chiefs, said of these discrepancies that I had mentioned: "Yet if all cannot be of one mind, as who looks they should be? This doubtless is more wholesome, more prudent, and more H'urteitish, than many I should be tolerated, rather than all compelled." Hear, hear, I cried, from the coco-palm log at the back. He looked my way kindly, and went on: "I mean not to offend Thomas, who must see to believe, because as it extirpates all religions and civil superstices, he said that I wished I was miles away. Another big chief was talking when I got over my fright. They called him Stoo Art Mill. I understood him to say that there would be baneful consequences to the intellectual and through that to the moral nature of men like me unless liberty to investigate the grove were conceded us. I didn't shout hear, hear, however. I had had my lesson, and concluded that it might be prudent to hear him out. Sure enough, the qualification came. Such liberty must be withheld, he said, "when the circumstances are such as to constitute its indulgence a positive instigation to some mischievous act, such as the violation of the tabu of the grove." Confound it! I had been resting most of my hopes on Stoo Art Mill, who seemed about as gentle a savage as one might meet anywhere in Polynesia.

I fled to the woods then, and found a little crowd of old men who had fled for similar reasons, namely, to avoid the embarrassing consequences of indiscreet peeps at H'urteit. They told me that H'urteit wasn't in the grove at all. "Not in the grove!" I gasped. "Then where is he?" They smiled patiently. "You are still very young," they murmured. "If we knew we would know. Some say he is a She, who is only to be found at the bottom of a deep, dark well."

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Several matches were played in connection with the tennis tournament on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday afternoon. The most interesting match was that between E. Busschaert and M. K. Lo, the Belgian winning in three straight sets. The following are the results: Open Championship: E. Busschaert beat M. K. Lo, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4; Yew Man-tsun beat N. Trambitsky, 6-3, 7-5, 5-7, 5-7, 7-5; F. Wheeler beat L. Jack, 6-0, 6-4, 7-5; S. D. Ismail beat H. Krebs, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1; R. E. Worthington beat S. H. Ismail, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.

Open Championship Doubles: S. E. Green and D. S. Green were allowed a walk over by Horace Lo and C. Chea; O. and H. D. Run-jahn were allowed a walk over by Yew Man-tsun and Ho Wai-hing; A. Eveleigh and A. S. Lindsell beat G. R. Sayer and F. A. Redmond, 6-7, 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.

Club Championship: G. W. Sewell beat G. Miskin, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2; R. E. Worthington, walk over; E. R. S. Dods, walk over.

Handicap Singles "A": J. R. Lloyd (+3/6) beat W. L. Thomas (+1/3), 6-4, 6-3; L. Forster (-3/6) beat A. B. Raworth (scr.) 6-4, 6-3; G. Miskin (+4/6) beat R. K. Valentine (+4/6) 6-2, 6-3.

Handicap Doubles: A. Mackenzie and R. H. Valentine (+3/6) beat J. Hancock and A. H. Penn (+3/6) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; E. R. S. Dods and A. B. Raworth (-1/3) beat H. K. Prosser and A. B. Kaspisen (scr.) 6-3, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles: R. Worthington and Miss G. Grace (-3/6) beat G. Dowburn and Miss Jenkins (+1/3) 6-0, 7-5; C. Willson and Mrs. E. Mitchell walk over.

JAPANESE ARMS CASE.

ONE MAN TURNS KING'S EVIDENCE.

At the Magistracy yesterday before Mr. J. R. Wood, the Japanese, two men and three women, who were arrested last week were charged with possession of seven Mauser pistols and 900 rounds of ammunition.

The police asked for the commitment of the four defendants and the discharge of the second defendant (a man) who wished to turn King's evidence. Mr. Leo d'Almeida defended.

Det. Sub-Inspector Cockle gave evidence as to the discovery of the arms and the arrest. At 11.15 p.m. he posted three detectives outside No. 11, Mallory Street, where the second defendant was arrested. On information given by him, the women were found at No. 61, Praya East. Some of the arms were surrendered and the rest discovered in a basket which was opened by two of the women.

At the station, the third defendant (a woman) volunteered to take witness to her house, No. 8, Gage Street. On arrival, they met the first defendant who was pointed out as the man who had sent the women to fetch the arms.

Cross-examined by Mr. D'Almeida, witness said that subsequent inquiries elicited the fact that the two male prisoners had completed negotiations for the purchase of the arms.

Further evidence was heard.

CAPTAIN FRENCH RETIRES.

27 YEARS WITH "B. & S."

Captain E. M. French, Assistant Marine Superintendent of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, is leaving to-day by the "Tango Maru" for South Australia. After 27 years' service with the firm on the China Coast, he is retiring. Eight years ago he was promoted to the position he now relinquishes and previous to that had seen much service on the Upper Yangtze.

At the company's offices yesterday, Captain French was presented with a handsome silver rose bowl in recognition of his services to the China Navigation Company. In the presence of a number of colleagues, Mr. G. T. Edkins eulogised Captain French's long association with the firm and wished him long life and happiness in his retirement.

The other superintendents of the company indicated their esteem of Captain French by making a further presentation at the Hongkong Hotel yesterday evening.

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KING'S BOXING.

LAST NIGHT'S PROGRAMME.

The King's Regimental Boxing Tournament was continued last night when a big programme of events was disposed of. They were all novices' competitions and to-night the semi-finals and finals will be contested. There were thirty events to be decided last night but some of the competitors failed to present themselves and the events were got through with more speed than was at first anticipated.

The results of last night's bouts are as under.

LIGHT WEIGHTS (THIRD SERIES.)

PTE. DENNIS V. PTE. CLEMENTS. From the first both men exchanged hard blows with lightning rapidity. In the third round Dennis began to lose his stamina and on falling to the boards for the second time was counted out.

PTE. ROBINSON V. PTE. PROFFIT. This bout was notable for the way in which both men were on the alert for opportunities. Robinson however was the better boxer and won on points.

PTE. AYRE V. PTE. MAUDSLEY. In the second round Maudsley required in favour of his opponent. He showed a good exhibition of boxing but lacked wind.

L/C. MARTIN V. PTE. KENDALL. This bout was another instance of waiting for the boxer's precise moment, keeping everybody round the ringside in breathless expectation for the expected knock-out which however did not happen.

Martin was a little more telling with his blows and the fight was decided in his favour.

PTE. HOPEY V. PTE. McLOUGHLIN. McLaughlin was repeatedly warned about an open glove and for this offence the bout was stopped and the judges gave the winning decision to Hopey.

NOVICES BANTAM WEIGHTS

PTE. HODGSON V. PTE. HUGHES. Hughes was very speedy with his punch besides being agile. He won the contest.

PTE. JONES V. PTE. STACK. From the very commencement of the first round Stack was at the mercy of Jones who hammered away at his man until he knocked him out.

PTE. RODAWAY V. PTE. SUMNER. Rodaway boxed with considerable judgment and landed three blows to every one of his opponent's.

In the third round it was thought Sumner had given in to a knock out but he recovered himself to continue till the end. He lost the fight against a much better boxer.

PTE. QUINN V. PTE. STEWART. Although Stewart was a much bigger man than his adversary he had to be very wary of Quinn who made a determined effort to win. His determination made him successful.

NOVICES MIDDLE WEIGHTS (2ND SERIES.)

L/C. SPOORS V. PTE. DRENNAN. Spoor, a shorter man was very aggressive and gave Drennan a great deal of punishment. An extra round had to be decided in which Drennan emerged victor after a well fought bout.

PTE. GARDNER V. PTE. CARTER. The fight went the whole of the three rounds and Carter who did most of the attacking won the fight on points.

PTE. O'GRADY V. PTE. JOHNSON. O'Grady was awarded the verdict on points although his opponent scored freely throughout the three rounds.

NOVICES WELTER WEIGHTS (3RD SERIES.)

PTE. HIGHTON V. PTE. SCOTT. Highton had a more telling punch and knocked Scott out to the full count in the first round.

PTE. CARLSON V. CORPL. WHITEHEAD. A feature of this contest was hard hitting by both competitors Whitehead displaying a very useful left.

He won on points.

PTE. JESSOP V. CORPL. DARRACLOUGH. This was a tame fight in which Darraclough gained the decision.

NOVICES FEATHER WEIGHTS (3RD SERIES.)

PTE. BIRD V. CORPL. ARMSTRONG. Bird knocked his man out in the second round.

PTE. EDWARDS V. PTE. HAYTER. Pte. Hayter won this bout on points. His boxing although a little slow was very steady.

NOVICES LIGHT WEIGHTS (4TH SERIES.)

PTE. TAYLOR V. PTE. CLEMENTS. In the second round Taylor availed himself of a good opening and with a deadly right to the jaw knocked Clements clean out.

PTE. O'CONNELL V. PTE. ROBINSON. Robinson had a good right and

SHANGHAI WEDDING.

POTTER-BOOKER.

The marriage of Miss Edna Leo Booker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun Booker, of Los Angeles, California, to Mr. John Stuffer Potter of Andersen, Meyer & Co., was solemnized by the Rev. A. N. Rowland at the Union Church on March 15. The church was profusely decorated with beautiful spring flowers, palms and bamboo and the wedding procession made a very pretty picture as it passed up the aisle.

Miss Booker, who was given away by Mr. Frank Lowell, wore ivory French satin, effectively trimmed with orange blossoms, a long veil of embroidered tulle, and carried white roses. Miss Margaret Powell attended her as maid of honour and the Misses Josephine Pomeroy, Norma Perkes and Mary Beatrice O'Bryan were the bridesmaids.

The colour scheme of the decorations and gowns was built on the hues of the rainbow and a very charming effect was obtained. The maid of honour, Miss Powell, wore georgette in opalescent tints and carried a sheath bouquet of pink carnations. The bridesmaids wore quaintly patterned taffetas in picturesque rainbow shades. Miss Pomeroy appearing in orchid shot with gold, Miss Perkes in yellow, and Miss O'Bryan in apple green shot with gold.

The little flower girls, Jane Bunn, Virginia Atkinson, Jane Robinson, Dorothy Lane, Barbara McIntyre, and Bunny Powell, also carried out the mid-Victorian idea and looked sweetly pretty in their old-fashioned poke bonnets and dresses in rainbow hues with their stiff little bouquets.

Mr. Harold J. Sheridan served as Mr. Potter's best man and the ushers were Messrs. Fred McIntyre, Ray D. Bunn, Carl Crow, W. P. Willson, A. D. Robinson, and H. E. Lane. Mr. Thompson presided at the organ and Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard of New York sang "Because."

After the wedding ceremony a reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred McIntyre at 665 Rue Rataud after which Mr. and Mrs. Potter left for a honeymoon trip. On their return they will reside at Freeman Court, 2 Route de Say Zoung.

The bride has been a resident of Shanghai for some time, actively connected with the American Woman's Club and College Club. Mr. Potter, before coming to Shanghai, was in the service of the U.S. Government in the Philippines and has served as president of the American Association in China.

RIDGWAY-HEADLEY.

Another wedding of special interest to Shanghai people was consummated the same afternoon at Holy Trinity Cathedral when Miss Muriel Headley daughter of the late Mr. Henderson Headley of Ramsgate, Kent, was married to Mr. J. A. Ridgway, son of Mr. A. E. Ridgway of Surbiton, Surrey, by the Very Reverend Dean Symons. Mr. Ridgway is in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and is a member of the Shanghai Light Horse. Miss Headley is the niece of Lady Fraser.

The bridal procession made a very beautiful picture, the bride, who was given away by Mr. G. H. Stitt, wearing a gown of ivory georgette crepe over blush pink charmeuse, with pearl trimming, and carrying a shower bouquet of pink carnations. Her veil which was of old Brussels lace, was lent for the occasion by Mrs. Percy Liddell, and the bridal gown was designed by Chiffons.

Of the quartette of bridesmaids, Miss Peggy Liddell and Miss Barbara wore mauve satin petal frocks over blush pink georgette, with pink georgette hats, pink shoes and stockings, while Miss Isabelle Lowson and Miss Peggy Melhuish wore blush pink satin over mauve georgette, with mauve hat shoes and stockings. All carried small silver baskets filled with flower petals. Mrs. Liddell was gownned in lace over beige satin, with a picture hat trimmed with brown ostrich plumes.

Mr. Ridgway was accompanied by Mr. W. Hunter as best man and the ushers were Messrs. J. C. G. Fergusson, N. de F. Fuzzev, G. W. Garrett, and W. N. Havel. A reception was held at the residence of Mr. F. W. C. Liddell, 272 Avenue Haig, immediately after the ceremony, which was attended by many friends. The bride's going away dress was an effective costume in mauve and grey, a coat and skirt of grey, with mauve silk jersey, worn with a small grey and mauve hat and white fox fur. Mr. and Mrs. Ridgway sailed on their honeymoon in Southern France and England.

scored freely to the body. O'Connell, who secured the winning verdict, was perhaps, a little more scientific.

PTE. AYRE V. L/C. MARTIN. Ayre, a more accomplished boxer than his opponent, won this fight by a narrow margin.

KONGMOON CAPTURED.

OCCUPIED BY SUN'S TROOPS.

KWANGSI LEADERS' ATTITUDE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, March 20.
News reached Canton to-day of a combined land and sea movement by Dr. Sun's forces against Chan Tak-sun, the commander of the five districts of Sun Wui, Sun Ning, Yan Ping, Hoi Ping and Hok Shan, with headquarters at Kongmoon. Chan was previously a district magistrate and sprang into prominence last year when he quelled a rising on Sun's behalf during the Sun-Chen trouble in the summer. When Chan was, in turn, expelled, he professed loyalty to Sun's cause and the headquarters of the Cantonese forces were established in Kongmoon.

Sun's adherents distrust Chan's policy of what is characterised in Chinese politics as "riding the wall" and accused him of chaste negotiations with Chan. Chan Chak, commanding the pro-Sun gunboats, was in charge of the operations against Kongmoon. With the simultaneous appearance of the gunboats and about three thousand pro-Sun troops at Pak-kai, Chan's forces scattered. Engagements on a small scale took place at several points where the more stubborn of Chan's subordinates attempted to hold out, but they were soon overcome and Sun's forces now occupy Kongmoon. As is usual in Kwangtung warfare when a larger force marches on a smaller one, there was little that could be termed real fighting and the casualties were about thirty all told. A more serious aspect was the looting that went on for a short time, disreputable individuals taking advantage of the excitement to pillage some of the outlying districts.

The unrest caused by the continual moving of the Kwangsi troops and the uncertain attitude of their leaders, reported some days ago, has been accentuated by the arrival of more Kwangsi-ites in the outskirts of Canton.

Skirmishes for supremacy at various strategic points on the West River, chiefly in the Shiu Hing district have added to the unrest with the result that commercial transport is still stagnant.

MISSIONARIES ATTACKED.

BRIGANDAGE IN HONAN.

PEKING, March 20.
Reports from Hankow indicate that brigandage in Honan, which was suppressed last year, is again becoming rampant.

Recently, an American missionary, Mr. Funk, and his wife and two children were attacked by two parties of bandits and robbed of \$150 worth of their belongings.

A couple of days afterwards Miss Ratsloff was held up on the same road and robbed.

Brigands recently attacked Juchow and looted and set fire to the suburbs, and a number of the citizens were killed and wounded.—*Reuter.*

CAPTURE OF KWEIYANG.

PEKING, March 20.
The capture of Kweiyang by the Yunnanese on March 12 is confirmed.

Yuan Tzu-ming has fled, and his whereabouts are unknown.—*Reuter.*

BOXER INDEMNITY.

HOW JAPAN WILL SPEND IT.

TOKYO, March 20.
The Lower House passed a Bill providing for the application of the Boxer Indemnity to the development of improved relations with China, including an appropriation for the upkeep of Chinese students in Japan, the exchange of lecturers, and the upkeep of schools at Tsingtao.—*Reuter.*

CRICKET.

I.R.C. v. H.K.C.C.

The following teams have been chosen to represent the I.R.C. v. H.K.C.C. on Saturday, at 2.15 p.m.:—

The first team at the H.K.C.C. ground in a league match:—A. et Arcelli (capt.), A. H. Rumjahn, S. H. Ismail, S. D. Ismail, A. H. Madar, J. S. Quireen, D. Rumjahn, H. D. Rumjahn, F. M. Arcelli, N. B. Rishel and O. Ismail.

The second team at Sookimpoo in a friendly:—E. Moosdeen (capt.), R. Nazarin, I. Hassan, J. Akker, A. B. M. Samy, A. Kitchell, A. G. Abbas, O. Rumjahn, A. K. Minu, A. K. Rahumad and A. Wahup. Reserve: A. A. Rasak.

HONGKONG'S MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.

BANK CHAIRMAN'S REFERENCE.

"NEGOTIABLE IMPERTINENCE."

"Civis Britannicus" writes to the *Strait Times*:—

The chairman of the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is reported in your issue of 6th as speaking at the recent annual meeting as follows:—

"I think it is time that the War Office realised that Hongkong does not exist solely in order to pay a military contribution of 20 per cent. of its revenue, and that if this senseless policy of obstruction and hampering of British trade and the natural development of the Colony is persisted in, it will become a question of whether the contribution can be justified any longer."

He may be correct in his opinion as to the merits of the dispute in question. But is this seemingly language or a scintilla of attitude?

A more important question is: Has economic power so overshadowed political power that it is natural for a bank to talk like this? Does the quotation above show us Big Business bullying the British Empire or does it only represent the negligible impertinence of a spoilt child that has lost its temper and its sense of proportion?

CRUELTY TO POULTRY.

"THE AREA OF A FOWL."

Persistent cruelty to poultry was the charge Mr. Fred Fisher, the S.P.C.A. Inspector, this morning brought against Wong Tse-king, the master of the Kung On Lan, wholesale poultry dealers.

Inspector Fisher, said that the man had been warned on six occasions since August 4, last year. "He was fined \$25 for the same offence three weeks ago."

To the Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindell), Mr. B. Boys, the newly-appointed assistant inspector, said that he stopped defendant's motor-car and found in an crate with a diameter of 3 feet not less than 39 full-grown capons, nineteen too many. In a 3' 6" crate which had capacity for 30 capons, there were 58.

Defendant contended that the number did not constitute overcrowding adding that the birds would only be in the crates for ten minutes.

Inspector Boys told his Worship that the maximum number for each crate was determined by the area calculated by the diameter to which his Worship remarked "Oh, I see. You take the area of the crate and the area of a fowl and divide the one by the other."

After the Inspector had said that the capons were standing on one another, his Worship imposed a fine of \$50.

In conversation with a *China Mail* reporter after the case, Inspector

HARBOR SCHEME.

GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING REPORT.

Interview by a *China Mail* reporter this morning the Colonial Secretary Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher (C.B.E.) stated that the report Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice connection with the harbor development scheme had been given and was under consideration by the Government.

The Colonial Secretary added that there are a number of subsidiary questions to be discussed and it might perhaps be necessary to refer to the consulting engineers certain points before the scheme was definitely embarked upon.

GOLF.

The Bay Pool Competition, played at Fanning on 17th, 18th and 19th inst., was won by Mr. H. U. Irud, 4 down.

For Fish said that from practical experience a fowl required space of about 4ches by 4, equivalent to about 4sds to a square foot. This, however, was not a fixed ratio. The larger crates there was always more room as owing to the crure in the sides there was more accommodation.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

BRITISH LEGION. (Hongkong & China Branch)

THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 27th March, 1923, at 5.30 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Accounts for the year 1922, and of electing members of the committee for the ensuing year, and of appointing honorary auditors, and of dealing with any other business.

By Order of the General Committee.
H. K. HOLMES,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, March 21, 1923.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 26th day of March, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of CROWN LAND at junction of Canton Road and Pak Hoi Street, Yau-mat, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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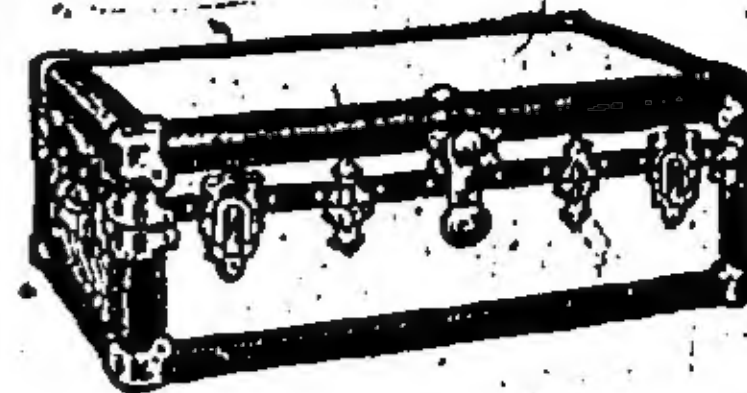
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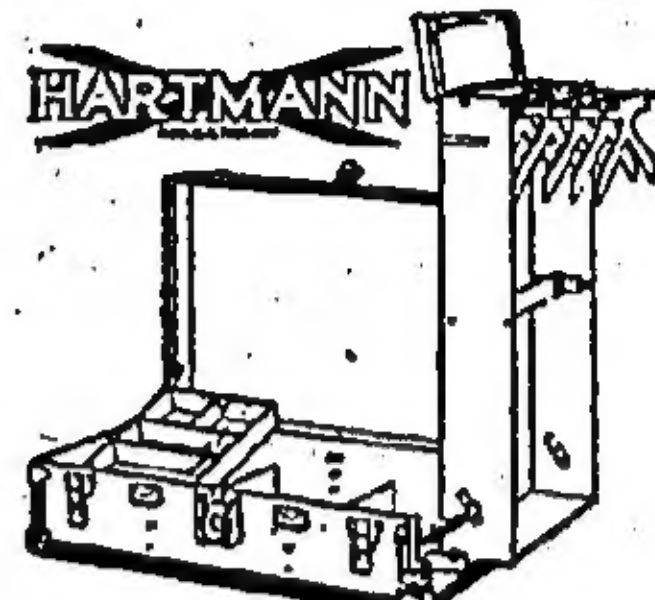
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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

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The B. F. s.s. "Koonan" arrived at

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and Vancouver, B.C. via Shanghai (Woo-

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for this port on Sunday Mar. 19 at

4 p.m. with the outward English Mail,

and is due here on Saturday Mar. 24 at

about 7 a.m.

For P. & O. s.s. "Karnata" left Singa-

pore for this port on Monday Mar. 19 at

4 p.m. with the outward English Mail,

and is due here on Saturday Mar. 24 at

about 7 a.m.

The E. A. s.s. "Chile" left Hamburg

on Feb. 14 and is expected here on

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The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hongkong,

via Japan ports, Shanghai, on Mar. 8 and

is due here on Mar. 26.

The B. F. s.s. "Bellerophon" left New

York on Jan. 30 for Suez, Straits, Philip-

pines and Hongkong and is due here on

or about Mar. 27.

The B. F. s.s. "Pomona" left Liver-

pool on Feb. 24 for Penang, Port Swet-

tenham, Singapore, Hongkong, Shang-

hai, Kobe and Yokohama and is due

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The B. F. s.s. "Eurylochus" left

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ed from San Francisco on March 3,

with a full complement of passengers and

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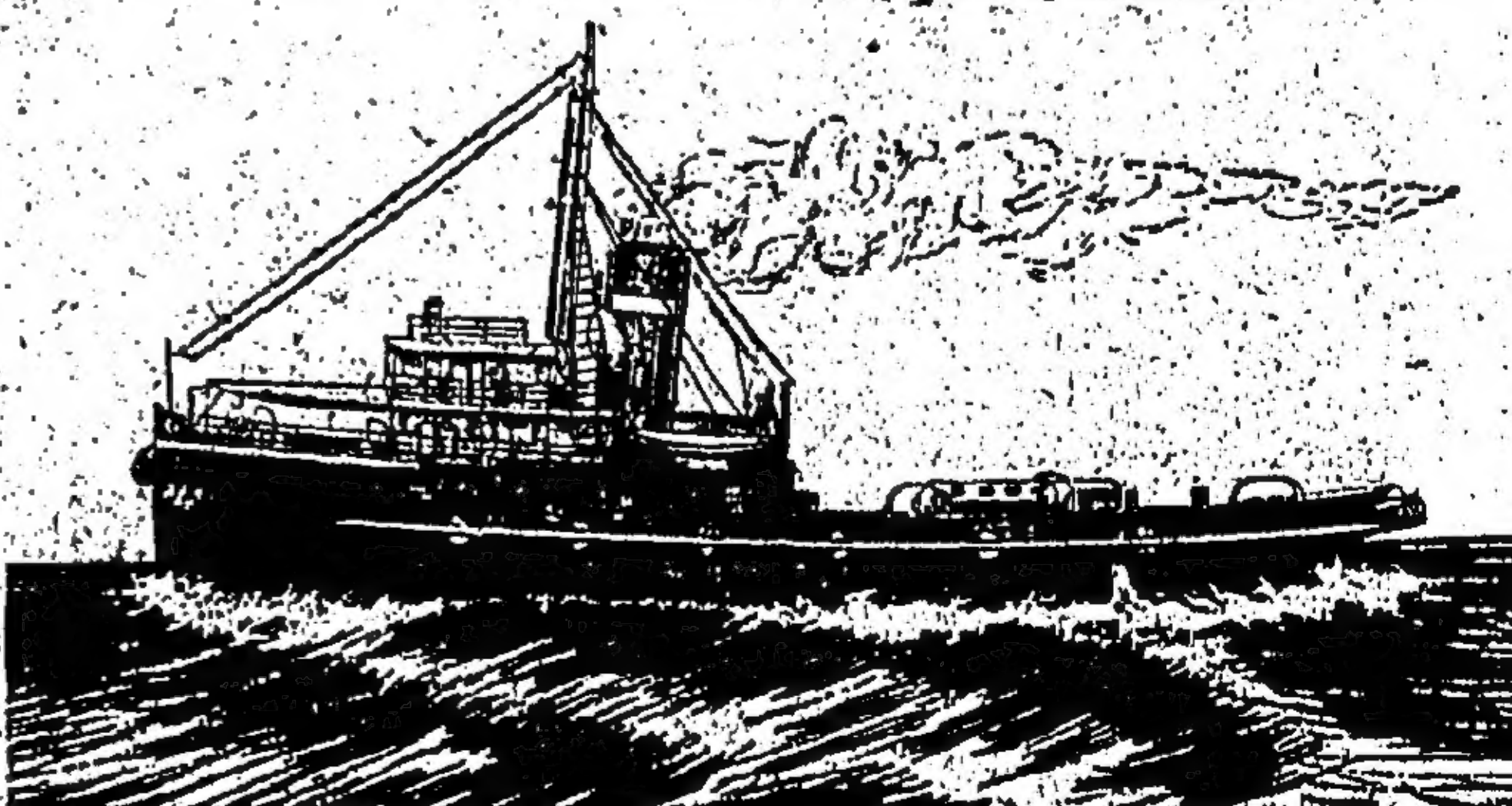
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CHINA COMPANY ORDINANCES.

SHANGHAI COURT'S WARNING.

FUTURE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY.

Failure by China companies to comply with the Hongkong Ordinances was the subject of further comment by Sir Skinner Turner, Chief Judge, in an application which came before him at 11.31. Supreme Court, in Shanghai last week. On behalf of Messrs. A. Dallas and R. M. Saker, liquidators of the Yangtze Land Co., Ltd., Mr. Reader Harris applied for liberty to send to the Registrar within 14 days a statement in the prescribed form in accordance with section 214 of the Hongkong Ordinances 1911.

TRUST PROPERTY IN HANKOW.
Counsel read an affidavit by Mr. Arthur Dallas, a director of Messrs. Atkinson & Dallas, Ltd., in which he stated that the Yangtze Land Co., was a private company registered under the Hongkong Ordinances and having its registered offices at 26, Peking Road. At the date of liquidation the only shareholders in the company were Messrs. Atkinson & Dallas, Ltd., Mr. R. M. Saker and Mr. A. Dallas. By a special resolution passed on November 22 and confirmed on December 9, 1920, it was resolved that the Yangtze Land Co. should be wound up voluntarily. The liquidation proceeded and the property of the company, consisting of certain land in Chinkiang, was sold, and, there being no creditors, the proceeds, after payment of expenses, were divided amongst the shareholders. By the beginning of December, 1921, the affairs of the company were fully wound up and the manner in which the liquidation had been conducted was duly approved at a meeting held on December 31. It was not, however, possible to file the final account and call a formal meeting in pursuance of Clause 188 of the Companies Ordinance 1911, for the following reasons: owing to an error or misunderstanding on the part of the manager of Messrs. Atkinson & Dallas, Ltd. in Hankow certain trust properties in Hankow were registered in the name of the Yangtze Land Co., Ltd., instead of in the name of Atkinson & Dallas, Ltd., who were holding these properties as trustees. Considerable difficulty had been met in transferring one of these properties, which was in the French Concession, to Atkinson & Dallas, Ltd., owing to a new French regulation in Hankow, respecting the holding of land by foreigners in trust. It was only on the 14th instant that a telegram was received from Hankow stating that the transfer of this lot had now been completed. The Yangtze Land Co., Ltd., could therefore now be dissolved. Owing to the fact that to all intents and purposes the liquidation had been concluded in 1921, the necessity for sending to the Registrar statements of receipts and payments at the end of the first year and subsequent half year escaped the attention of the liquidators, and the omission to send such statements was entirely due to inadvertence.

In these circumstances, Mr. Reader Harris asked for his Lordship's clemency in allowing 14 days for the filing of the necessary statements and final account.

Mr. H. P. Wilkinson, for the Registrar of Companies, said there appeared to be a good deal to be said for the delay which had taken place, but if applicants had consulted a lawyer this application would not have been necessary. The Registrar did not wish to be severe, but he had to point out that this was one of 20 such cases in which companies in liquidation had not done all they should have done.

UNSATISFACTORY STATE OF AFFAIRS.
His Lordship—I quite agree with the hint thrown out by the Crown Advocate. It has been borne in upon me for some time past that there are a large number of people here connected with limited companies who do not take the trouble to read the ordinances applying to their companies and find out what they are required to do. The result is that for several years we have had a continuous series of applications

TOLD BY THE FEET.

HOW CHARACTER IS BETRAYED.

There is no part of the human anatomy which more surely betrays the character of the individual than the feet, writes Ella Hepburn Dixon in the *Westminster Gazette*. It is amazing what ambitions, what pride, what slovenliness, what caution, what arrogance, what finicality, may be found in those extremities, especially those of women.

They "give" their owners "away" in most uncompromising fashion, particularly when their possessor are off their guard.

We all know a lady, occupying a great position, wise, down to the skirt's edge, is all pomp, power, and modishness. Her hats and gowns and jewels come from the Rue de la Paix, she has a nice taste for fashion, yet she betrays her uneasiness by the position of her feet, which are always crossed and turned inwards under her chair. The youngest debutante on the fringe of the group shows her breeding by the carelessness and grace of the pose of her slim, arched feet.

FEET THAT REFUSE TO SURRENDER.

A cynical sidelight on terrestrial ambitions are the feet—they are always feminine—which have definitely, as the French say, "abdicated." Stout soles, squat heels, monstrous shapes of bulging leather; what a comment on the finality of human desires, of the extinction of joy and hope, of pride and assurance.

There are thousands of elderly persons who will never "abdicate," while they have breath, and you may see them, poor souls, enduring tortures, tottering, so to speak, on prodigiously high Louis XV. heels to the silent tomb. The high heel, to be sure, sometimes deposits them there before their due time, but we must all bow before these veterans of the social battlefield, whose motto is "The Old Guard never surrenders," and who would sooner die than be relegated to the sad company of the frumps. Watch, abroad, a procession of feet coming out of a place of entertainment. Your Englishman, if he is properly turned-out, will be an amiable, in a collection of French, American, Italian, Dutch, or Belgian boots, and this not only from the shape of his foot, but by the way he plants it on the earth, as if, forsooth, this planet belonged to him.

In this Court asking for relief. As far as I am aware, no suggestion has ever been made that anybody has been harmed by that relief being granted, but it is an unsatisfactory state of affairs that opportunity should have been given, at the request of many people here, for the formation of limited companies in China under British law and, having got that opportunity, these companies should have been formed and apparently no attention paid in a large number of instances to the legal requirements attached to such companies. I am not the only Judge who has had to comment upon these applications in this way. The penalties attaching to these breaches are really very heavy—I believe liquidators are responsible for the sum of \$500 per day, and in this case there are breaches in respect to three statements which should have been filed. I am certainly not going to refuse this application, since the liquidators have put forward a satisfactory explanation and there are but few shareholders, in fact they themselves are the shareholders. But I do want to call attention again to the necessity for those connected with British companies in China observing the requirements of the Ordinances. They are not difficult to find out. Those who may come hereafter to apply for relief must not be surprised if other steps are taken than those I take in this case. I shall grant an extension of 14 days, and other the liquidators to pay costs. It would be wrong in such a case to make the general body of creditors pay the costs when the liquidators, through not having carried out their duties, have to come here and apply for relief.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN CYRIL MACDOUGALL.

Much regret was occasioned in Shanghai last week by the announcement of the death of Mr. John Cyril Macdougall, for some years an esteemed and very well-known resident. He became seriously ill and was taken to the Isolation Hospital, suffering from cerebral meningitis, and passed away there.

The deceased, who was 42 years of age, was a native of Glasgow, and was educated at Glasgow University. In those days he was a very keen Rugby football man, and played for the "Varsity." Whilst at Home, he joined the firm of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., and came out to Shanghai, he believed, in 1907, being for some years in charge of the Property Office. A few years ago he left the firm and started in business for himself and was so engaged up to the time of his death. He was last year appointed agent for the Bellman Tyre Co., Ltd., of Brentford, England, under the style of the British Motor Tyre Co.

Mr. Macdougall made a great many friends as a member of the Shanghai Club, the Shanghai Race Club, the Shanghai Golf Club, and the Lawn Bowls Club, and he particularly distinguished himself in golf and lawn bowls. On three occasions he held the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Club singles championship, and twice reached the final of the all-Shanghai singles championship, taking part in last season's final, whilst he also played in the last Hankow interport game. Three years ago he reached the final of the Shanghai Golf Club championship, in which match he was defeated by Captain Dewar. He has always been a very good golfer, and probably nobody in Shanghai knew more of the rules and etiquette of the game than he did. He was as strict in observance of the rules as he expected everybody else to be; indeed, it may truthfully be said, he was stricter in his own case.

Mr. Macdougall is survived by a widow, a son and a young daughter, with whom the deepest sympathy will be felt.

MR. J. D. M. PRINGLE.

Shanghai papers record the death of Mr. J. D. M. Pringle, which occurred from pneumonia at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, after a brief illness. The deceased's parents, who died only recently, were well known in both Tientsin and Shanghai, and for three years prior to this death the father was employed in the Public Works Department of the Municipal Council, latterly at Pingchiao Quarries. The son was practically brought up in China and was a member of the Field Artillery, S.V.C., during the early years of the War, afterwards going Home on war service. At Home he married, and returned to Shanghai several months ago. Since then he has been in temporary employment.

HON. DR. SEVERN.

ARRIVAL IN SINGAPORE.

The *Strait Times* of March 12 says: "The Hon. Dr. David Severn, C.M.G., who is going home on leave from Hongkong, accompanied by Mrs. Severn, is a passenger on board the P. & O. steamer 'Morea' which arrived in port from the Far East yesterday afternoon. It is with a sense of pleasure that he has to be welcomed at this port, for it was not so many years ago that he was an important member of the Government in Malaya. The Hon. Dr. Severn served for 17 years in the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States and held the position of Secretary to the High Commissioner when he left here for Hongkong, in 1911, where he has risen to a much higher plane. With Mrs. Severn, he is the guest of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Guillemard at Government House. Dr. Severn and Mrs. Severn will continue their voyage westwards, and will carry with them the best wishes of many from this part of the world, where the Hongkong Colonial Secretary climbed up the different steps of the local official ladder.

FOOTBALL.

UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.

The final matches in the above league will be played on the Garrison ground at Sookumpoo to-day.

Junior Division.—Kick-off, 3 p.m. Hawkins v. King's. Senior Division.—Kick-off, 4.15 p.m. King's v. Hawkins. The trophies and medals will be presented at the close of the Senior match.

WOMAN'S CLAIM.

INDIVIDUAL TREATMENT WANTED.

Men are continually making general statements about women, but the women rarely retaliate, writes Roger Wray in the *Westminster Gazette*. It is always risky to generalise about a large class—a few individuals to an entire sex, for example. The exceptions do not always prove a rule.

"Truly, thy name is woman!" says Shakespeare.

"O woman, in our hours of ease, 'Uncertain, coy, and hard to please,"

What does he mean by the soft sex, Sammy?" inquired Tony Welby. "The woman," replied Sam dogmatically. "He ain't far wrong there, Sammy!" declared Tony.

"Woman is a sphinx without a riddle," says another writer. But perhaps the truest thing about woman was said by a living novelist. Woman is a species, he asserted, of which every member is an exception! It sounds paradoxical, but it is true, at first, but it explains one difficulty completely—there is no average woman on earth.

THE CLASS SUMMED UP. I pick up a newspaper, and discover at least four examples of this ancient practice. A local magistrate at Eastbourne says that the detectives of his town are pertinacious, weasels and "curious as women"; a defendant at West London County Court says that a weathervane is more constant than a woman's mind where clothes are concerned; a well-known Judge advises a man to leave the talking to his wife—women talk more readily than men; and at Marylebone County Court the mystery of women's quiffling is ascribed to jealousy of one another's frocks.

Thus, women are accused of being (1) more curious; (2) more changeable; (3) more talkative; and (4) more excitable about dress than men are. These generalisations may be right or wrong. In the majority of instances one may concede that they are right. They have all been repeated hundreds of times before.

But when men appear in Court, they are treated as individuals. The Judge or Magistrate does not enunciate general principles about the whole male sex to explain their actions. When a woman appears the whole sex is symbolised and criticised. We must wait till the Portias set to work in earnest. There will be a long delayed opportunity to hear the other side of the eternally interesting question.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

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DEPARTURES.

Hin Sang, (J. M. & Co.) for Sandakan—March 21. Andes Maru, (O. S. K.) for Bombay, Singapore—March 21. Kwal Wah, (Shun Hing) for Toukane—March 21. Hsin Ping An, (Yue Woo) for Canton—March 21. Ling Nam, (Chung Wah Nav.) for Luquie, Tarakan—March 21. Kashmir, (P. & O.) for London, Singapore—March 21. Tingo Maru, (N. Y. K.) for Melbourne, Manila—March 21. New Mithilde, (Yik Tai) for Haiphong—March 21. Ichang, (B. & S.) for Newchwang, Wei Hsi Wei—March 21. Yodo Maru, (M. B. K.) for Simfonia—March 21. Canton, (Swed. Trad.) for Yokohama, Shanghai—March 21. Kwangshai, (G. M. S. N.) for Canton—March 21.

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BRITISH EDUCATION.

RECENT PUBLIC MEETING.

"N. C. DAILY NEWS" COMMENT.

Discussing the recent public meeting in Hongkong to discuss the education of British children, the *N. C. Daily News* of March 16 says:—

Hongkong papers of the 9th instant contain full reports of an exceptionally interesting meeting held in the City Hall the day before, to discuss the "necessity of providing better education for the British children of the colony. This subject has apparently been one of considerable debate, with many expressions of discontent. A sub-committee of the Board of Education has issued a report and a scheme has been propounded for a new central school, or a new site for the Victoria British School. The order of events is not quite clear in this respect. What is clear is that the meeting of March 8 points to a laudable determination on the part of British parents to get something better in the way of education for their children than they are getting at present. Broadly speaking, the position of British parents in Hongkong and in Shanghai in this matter is much the same. There is the same phenomenon of an increasing population that never expects to be able to retire to England, and cannot afford to send its children thither for their schooling. We do not wish to appear to speak adversely of the curriculum of local schools, with which we are not sufficiently acquainted to venture on criticism. But we doubt if parents are altogether satisfied that their children are getting all that they, the parents, would wish for them; and possibly employers would share the parents' feeling.

The most important speech at the Hongkong meeting was made by the Rev. Teesdale Mackintosh who is well known in Shanghai. He boldly accepted the difficulty of parents unable to send their children Home, saying that he firmly believed it was in the interests of the Empire, of Hongkong and of themselves that Britons should become "home makers and home builders" in the colony; and he joined issue with those "who hold that for a boy or girl to remain in Hongkong over the age of ten or twelve is a misfortune." Of the kind of training required he "knew of nothing," so dangerous, he was inclined to say so criminal, for a good all round education, for this was the age of specialists and from the beginning we must begin to educate our children for a definite end. It is somewhat curious after this to find Mr. Mackintosh holding up the London matriculation as the ideal test for a boy of seventeen: not that it is not an admirable test, but that one would have thought it was precisely the good all round character of the candidates' education which it tested. However, the main point was that Mr. Mackintosh could not recall one British boy in Hongkong presenting himself for this examination, notwithstanding the unusual rewards in scholarships and facilities for entering Home universities which, it appears, Hongkong offers to boys who do so. Mr. Mackintosh thought that Hongkong's school should not be a boarding school, partly on the score of expense, partly in order to retain for children the advantages of family life; it should cater for girls as well as boys, in order to ensure for it the greatest number of pupils; and it should eschew class distinctions. Among the resolutions subsequently passed, the standard of the London matriculation was taken as the proper goal of schooling; and another resolution rather pointedly called on parents to co-operate with the schools in maintaining strict discipline and regular attendance at school.

It is curious that nobody seems to have taken up Mr. Mackintosh on the question of the importance of sending children Home to school if it can possibly be compassed: for there must have been people at the meeting who felt as strongly on this as there are in Shanghai. That importance, we think, consists first and foremost in getting children away from the seductive surroundings of Chinese servants, very kind to children, all too ready to walk on them hand and foot, deplorably resigned to being trampled on and tyrannized over. And secondly, there is the question of what we may call general information, the things that are learnt outside school hours, which play an immense part in building up character and serviceability, yet which, say what one may, are somewhat not acquired in the Far East so readily as at Home. Probably the Hongkong meeting felt that, having met to consider the needs of children who must be taught on the spot, it would be wasting time to run off on side issues. And this is indeed the fact that has to be faced and provided for. Are we satisfied that the educational requirements of the

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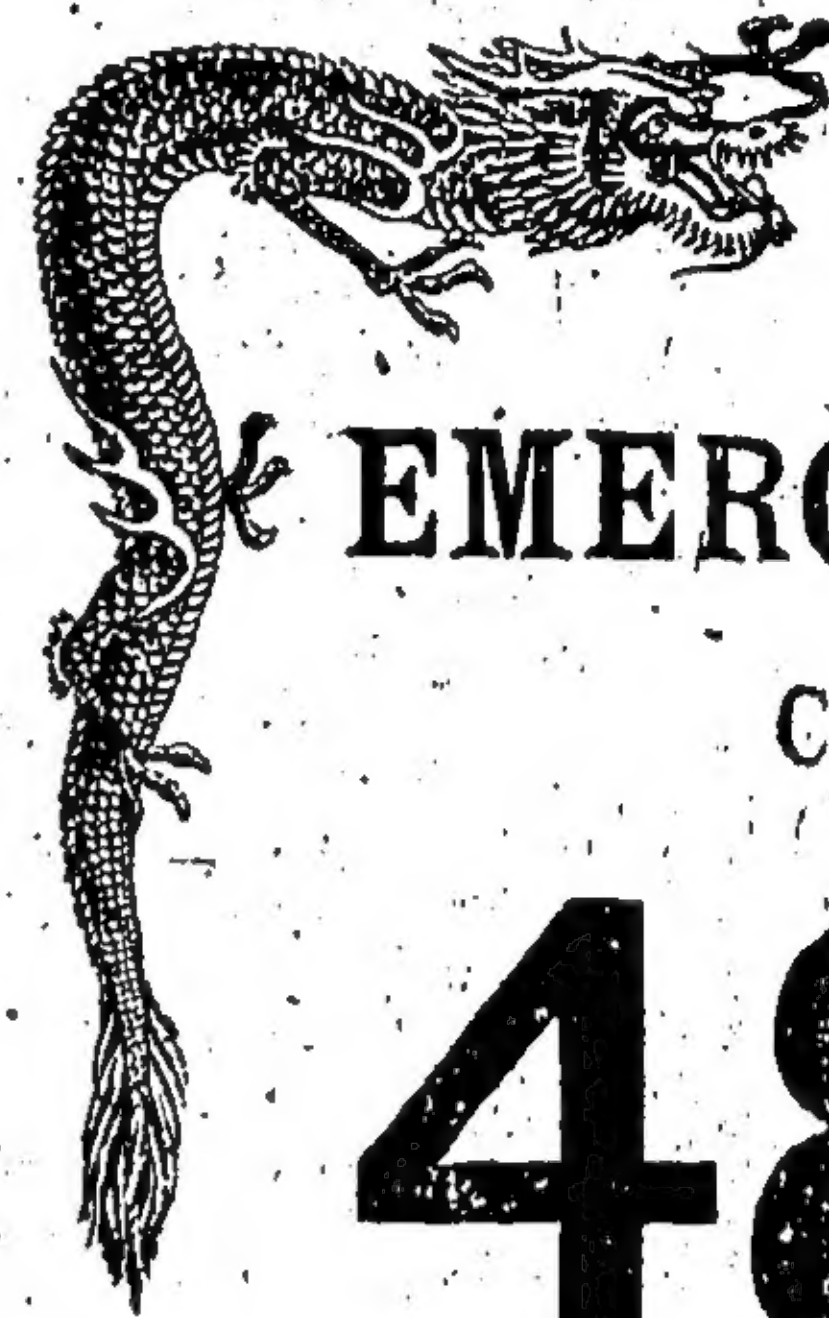
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British boys and girls all up and down the Far East are being catered for adequately, to make them the citizens of the Empire that they should be. If we are not satisfied of that, what are we going to do to make the deficiency good? And in that connection there is a very plain appeal to our millionaires. The public schools of Great Britain, on which the justly-pride herself, were built up by private endowment and the people that endowed them were to their age exactly what the wealthy. The tremendous cost of the mon, of to-day might be to this. There have been magnificent endowments for Hongkong University, and due to extreme attention lavished there not be some to found. Everything humanly possible was done to transfer to the silver-sheet girls whose world is and is likely to remain the Far East.

"LES MISERABLES."

WHAT IT COST.

Victor Hugo sold the publication rights of "Les Miserables," for \$80,000. It cost William Fox nine times as much, or about \$750,000, to produce it for the screen.

The screen version of the famous story is shown at the World Theatre to-night, with William Farnum in the role of Jean Valjean, their age exactly what the wealthy. The tremendous cost of the mon, of to-day might be to this. There have been magnificent endowments for Hongkong University, and due to extreme attention lavished there not be some to found. Everything humanly possible was done to transfer to the silver-sheet girls whose world is and is likely to remain the Far East.

SECRET SERVICE BUREAU

STRONG SPEAKING IN
SHANGHAI COURT.

COMPRADORE AND \$100.

The activities of the International Secret Service Bureau were again mentioned at the Mixed Court in Shanghai last week before Magistrate Li and Mr. A. D. Blackburn (British Assessor) when Hsu Hyung-zung (23), a compradore, was charged with opening an envelope containing \$137, the property of Frank Tonnochy and others, and removing therefrom the sum of \$100 for his own use.

Mr. R. C. Faithfull appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. L. K. Kentwell acted for the defence. Det. Sub-Inspector York watched the proceedings for the police.

According to a statement made by Mr. Faithfull, Mr. Y. S. Day, secretary of the International Recreation Club, wrote to complainant on the 2nd instant asking for the assistance of a number of private detectives on the Kiangwan Race Course to keep a look out for pickpockets. Enclosed in this letter was \$137, which amount was marked on the envelope. Mr. Tonnochy was not in at the time and the manager of his employment department, Mr. W. J. Gast, accepted the letter, and gave it to a coolie to take to complainant's home. Defendant saw this and later snatched the letter, removing \$100 from the contents.

Mr. Gast, who corroborated Mr. Faithfull's statements, was cross-examined by Mr. Kentwell. He said that he did not know anything about the financial status of the International Secret Service Bureau as he was not general manager. He joined the concern last November. He did not know that defendant had advanced \$1,800 to complainant in the course of the business. His salary was always paid by complainant.

Mr. Kentwell-Tonnochy paid through compradore orders? Mr. Faithfull objected to this.

Mr. Kentwell said that it was very relevant to the case as he would be able to prove defendant's right to get hold of whatever sums might come into the office. He had every right to get back his \$1,800.

Mr. Blackburn-Had he no right to open other people's envelopes? Continuing, witness said he had never heard defendant say that he was entitled to the money.

Mr. Kentwell-Where did all of Tonnochy's money come from? Witness-I don't know. I don't know where he gets his money from.

Mr. Kentwell-Well, I know. It came from the compradore.

Witness admitted that he had read of the judgment which had been rendered against Tonnochy and his bureau in the British Court in favour of a local newspaper.

A FORMER LEGAL ADVISER.

Frank Tonnochy, in response to Mr. Faithfull, said he was engaged in the rent collecting business and a detective bureau at 23 Museum Road. He formerly had an office at 123 Szechuen Road, below Mr. Kentwell's. Mr. Kentwell had formerly acted as his adviser and had attended to all his legal work.

Mr. Kentwell-Oh yes. You can bring all that out. I'll tell you why I stopped acting as Tonnochy's adviser. It was because he sent me two cheques last October which have since been dishonoured.

The Assessor (to Mr. Faithfull)-Do you want to go on with the case?

Mr. Kentwell-We are anxious to go on. We want to show how wicked the complainant is. If ever there was a wicked man and a rogue in this world it is the complainant, Tonnochy. If anybody should be sent to prison it should be Tonnochy. My client was employed by him and advanced \$1,800 for him, and now, because he can't or is unwilling to pay back, he wants to get rid of my client by kicking him out, by bringing this frame-up. Defendant has stuck to Tonnochy through thick and thin, but now Tonnochy is trying to evade his liabilities by bringing about a criminal charge of embezzlement against him. I have never heard of such a dirty case during the whole of my seven years' practice in this court.

The Assessor-How can you arrest Tonnochy when he is the complainant?

Mr. Kentwell-We admit nothing of the kind.

Mr. Kentwell-This is the most wicked and shameful thing that Tonnochy could have done. We have a perfect right to take the money which is owing to us.

The Assessor-We are not going to wash dirty linen in this Court. Whatever the civil rights in the case may be, defendant had no right to take the money from an envelope belonging to complainant. The accused must pay the \$100 back.

Mr. Kentwell-I would bring a charge against the complainant, but what chance has my client of ever having his money returned? It is most shameful!

BOTTOMLEY.

VICTIM OF INSOMNIA.

PALE AND WORN.

Horatio Bottomley attended a private sitting before the Registrar at the London Bankruptcy Court in connection with his affairs. He wore his ordinary clothes under an overcoat, a soft hat, and a silk scarf, and was accompanied by a prison officer and a hospital attendant.

He walked very slowly, and looked pale and worn, and appeared very much thinner. His right arm was in a sling for the purpose, it is understood, of relieving the pain of a nervous complaint from which he is suffering as the result of insomnia.

He has been in hospital for eight months. His accounts, upon which he has been engaged with special assistance since July last, are to be lodged with the official Receiver immediately.

On leaving the taxi cab Mr. Bottomley walked along the corridor of the Bankruptcy Buildings chatting animatedly, and entered the room where the Registrar was sitting. He left the room, however, shortly afterwards, because, it was understood, a creditor, who was about to be examined, objected to his presence.

The Registrar accordingly asked Bottomley to wait in the adjoining room. Asked by a friend to make a statement as to his life in prison, Bottomley said he wished to contradict the many unauthorised reports which had been published. His trouble, he said, was lack of sleep, which had brought about neuritis in his right arm.

On his arrival at the Court Bottomley was warmly greeted by an elderly woman, who shook him by the hand, and said she hoped the next time she saw him he would be much better.

Bottomley's boots were smartly polished, but his overcoat looked as if it had seen better days.

VERY BAD CASE.

20 YEARS FOR ROBBER.

Describing it as one of the worst cases he had ever heard, the Chief Justice, (Sir William Rees Davies, K.C.) ordered a Chinese, named Chan Man to serve the long term of twenty years, imprisonment in addition to 18 strokes of the cat for being found guilty on three charges of taking part in an armed robbery, and shooting at Mr. W. R. Andrews, of the Public Works Department and Mr. E. C. Kerrison.

The evidence was that the prisoner and several others entered a shop at 25 Yee Woo Street on the afternoon of January 31. They ransacked the premises and stole \$1,405 worth of property. The prisoner carried a revolver. He ran through several streets, and fired at Mr. Andrews and Mr. Kerrison who took part in the chase and eventually seized prisoner at Wood Road.

The jury having found the prisoner guilty, the Chief Justice told the prisoner that not content with looting the shop he fired indiscriminately in the streets. Fortunately he was not standing in the dock on a charge of murder. In his whole experience in the law courts, which covered a period of forty years, said His Honour, he had not known a worse case than this. For taking part in the robbery he sentenced the prisoner to twelve years' hard labour and 18 strokes with the "cat," and for shooting at Messrs. Andrews and Kerrison eight years each, the last two sentences to run concurrently, viz., twenty years and 18 strokes in all.

His Honour warmly commended Mr. Andrews and Mr. Kerrison on their courageous conduct.

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Tonnochy-Yes, bring a charge against me and I'll bring one against you, too.

CIVIL REMEDY CALLED FOR.

The Assessor-Since there is a dispute of facts in the case the Court will not order the accused to pay back the money. He must be sued civilly. We do not wish to encourage charges of this nature here.

Mr. Faithfull-A little while ago the Court said the accused would have to pay back the \$100.

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NORTH POINT TRAGEDY.

EIGHT MORE SURVIVORS FOUND.

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

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The blue-ribbon classic of the white trails was run this year at Ashton, Idaho, on February 22. Some of the finest and fastest dog teams were entered. America, Canada and Alaska competed. "Smoky" Gaston was a leading competitor, and Olcott Zarn the youngest race. Miss "Lyd" Hutchinson drove the same team last year and but for an accident would have won.



John M. O'Connor and Tom O'Rourke.

Jack Dempsey has been offered \$1,000,000 for three fights during the coming Summer. John M. O'Connor, President, and Tom O'Rourke, match maker, of the Republic Athletic Club, made the offer. If Dempsey accepts it is likely the three contenders will be Floyd Johnson, Harry Wills and either Joe Beckett or Jess Willard.



General and Mrs. Henry T. Allen.

Major-General Henry T. Allen, who commanded the American Army of Occupation, which has now been withdrawn from Germany, gave a fancy dress ball in Coblenz just before the departure of the troops for America.



Professor T. J. See.

After 40 years of research, he claims to have determined the causes of magnetism and gravity. Since Isaac Newton, 235 years ago, discovered the law of gravity, efforts of scientists to discover its cause have proved futile.



Prince Erik.

Prince Erik, second son of the King of Denmark, has announced his engagement to Miss Lois Booth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Booth, of Ottawa, Canada. He has been a visitor at the Booth home for several weeks.



M. Le Trocquer.

M. Le Trocquer, French Minister of Public Works, now in charge of the civil authorities in the Ruhr District, it is reported, will be appointed, French High Commissioner for the invaded territory.



American doughboy buying a parting gift for his Rhineland sweetheart before leaving Germany.



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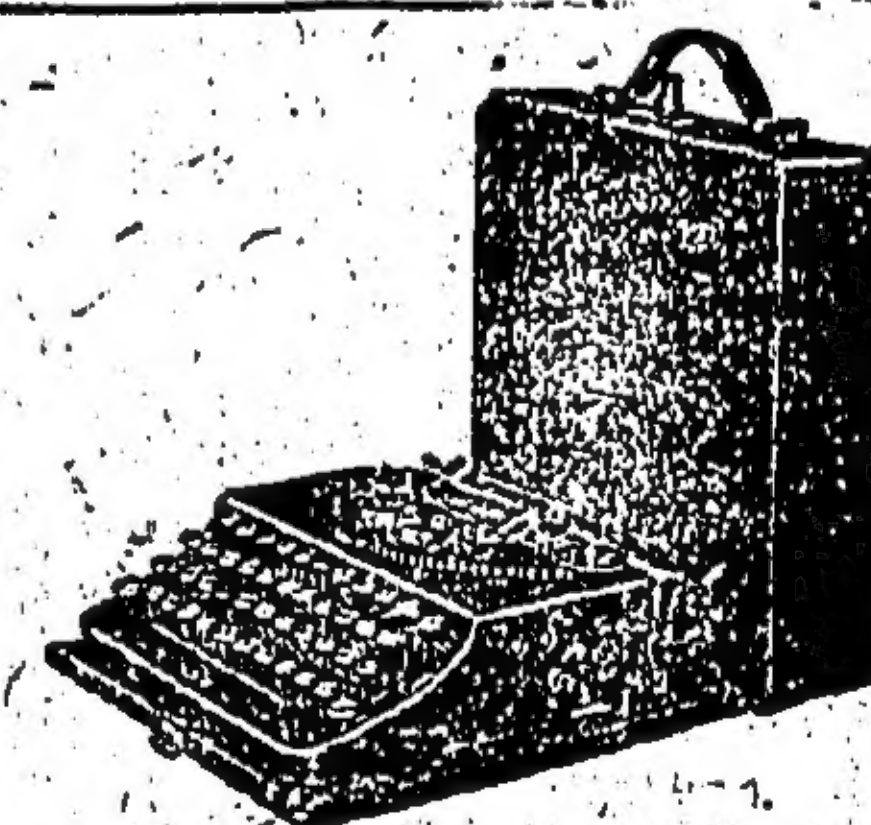
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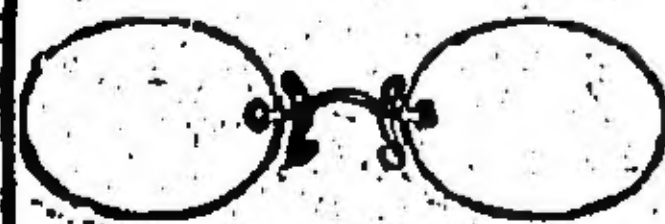
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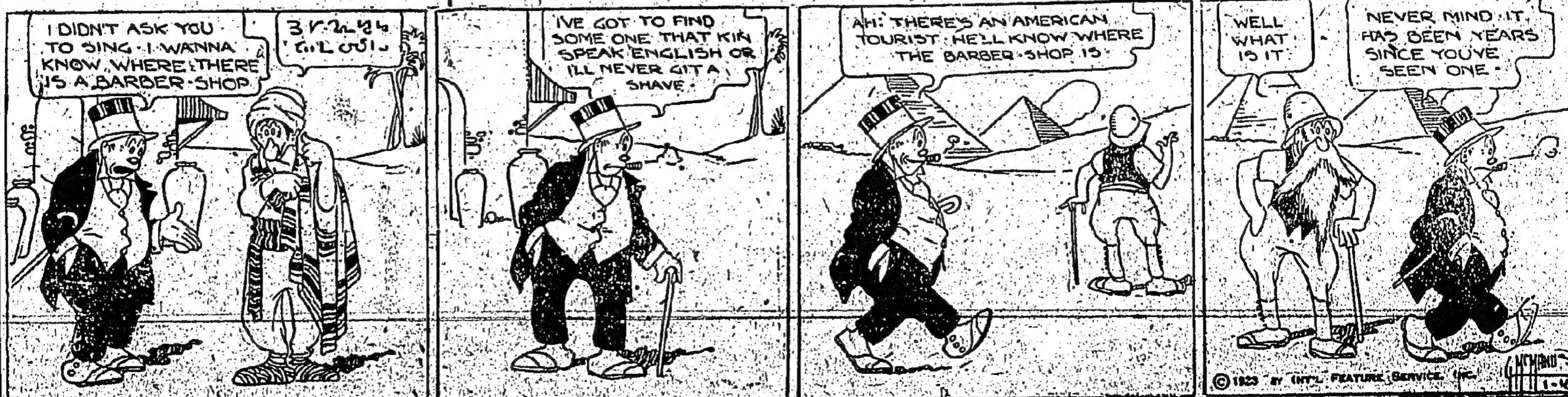
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THURSDAY, MARCH 22.
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TUESDAY, MARCH 27.
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4.
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AT THE THEATRE.

"THE BIRD OF PARADISE"

The Hawaiian atmosphere to which Mr. Knai and his troupe have introduced us, not long since was brought back to the Theatre Royal last night by the Courtneidge-Holloway Company's admirable production of R. W. Tully's spectacular play "The Bird of Paradise." The house was not as big as the merit of the performance deserved and that may possibly be accounted for by the fact that the piece takes nearly four hours to stage. It was not very far off one o'clock in the morning when a burst of enthusiastic applause marked the final curtain.

Between Miss Cherry Hardy, as Luana the Hawaiian Princess, and Mr. Claud Allister, as Dr. Paul Wilson, the young medico who falls in love with her and her island paradise losing most of his manliness in the process, were shared the evening's honours. Miss Hardy indeed made such an altogether charming Luana that one could scarcely find it in his heart to blame the spineless Wilson for his irresolution. Mr. Reginald Power, as "Ten thousand dollar Dean" the beachcomber, was, paradoxically, much better before his redemption than after it. Others deserving mention were Mr. Fred Permain, as Hewahewa a priest of the ancient days and Mr. Walter Hudd and Miss Florence, as Cleroq and the "mikonari" Sysonbys.

The Courtneidge-Holloway company will take their leave of Hongkong tonight in a performance of "Four Walls Told," a perfect representation of life in a sea coast village of Dorsetshire. It is said to bubble over with fun.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE.

ANNUAL SPORTS MEETING.

The annual athletic sports of St. Paul's College took place this afternoon on the Jockey Club ground at Happy Valley. Several hundred pupils were present and showed keen enthusiasm as each event came along. The President of the sports is the Rev. A. D. Stewart and the secretaries, Messrs. S. S. Leung and E. G. Stewart.

Results—Senior Long Jump—So Wat-fok, 1; Au Kwai, 2; Wong Shan-shak, 3. Distance 17 feet 9 1/2 inches.
Junior 100 yards—Wong Kan, 1; Tse Shu-wa, 2; Lui Yu-chow, 3.

Small boys 100 yards—Ching Ying-po, 1; Kan Ying-hung, 2; Poon Hoh-hoi, 3. Time 13 2/5 seconds.

Senior 100 yards—Lam Yuk-ying, 1; Chan Kwong-yui, 2; Au Kwai, 3. Time, 10 3/5 seconds.
600 yards handicap—U. Man-Kit, 1; Ma Ping-leung, 2; U. Man-shu, 3. Time 1 min. 30 1/5 seconds.

Hissed to Death.

A tragic story of the persecution of an Italian actress by a lover whose advances she had rejected comes from Florence. The Countess di San Fiore, of Padua under the name of Lina Murari, has for some time past been earning her living as a singer and dancer on the music hall stage. Beautiful and popular, the Countess had hosts of admirers among the male members of her audiences and one man was particularly ardent in his professions of affection for her. The Countess, however, was unable to reciprocate his love, and rejected his suit, whereupon in a spirit of revenge, the man started a campaign against her. Every time she appeared on the stage the Countess found herself vigorously hissed, and this so preyed upon her mind that, after one unusually venomous attack of the kind, which caused considerable commotion in the hall, she committed suicide. She was found dead in the room she occupied in a small hotel in Florence, having swallowed a strong dose of veronal.

Three cases of small pox and two cases of cerebro-spinal fever, all Chinese from the "Old and New Kowloon" registration district were reported yesterday.

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